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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ENERGY ORGANIZING MEETING OF COORDINATING GROUP FEBRUARY 25

REF: (A) STATE 32421 (B) STATE 34417

SUMMARY: GOJ WILL ACCEPT INVITATION ATTEND COORDINATING GROUP MEETING FEBRUARY 25, ALTHOUGH IT WOULD PREFER SOME-WHAT LATER DATE. IT BELIEVES ONE OF MAIN AGENDA ITEMS SHOULD BE PREPARATIONS FOR CONSUMER-PRODUCER CONFERENCE. GOJ REPRESENTATIVE WILL PROBABLY BE TSURUMI; MITI WILL PROBABLY SEND OFFICIAL, BUT UNLIKELY THAT HIGH LEVEL MOF REPRESENTATIVE
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CAN ATTEND. END SUMMARY.

1. DUE TO UNAVAILABILITY FONOFF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS
BUREAU DIRECTOR GENERAL MIYAZAKI, ECON/COUNS CALLED ON

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR GENERAL TESHIMA ON AFTERNOON, FEBRUARY 21 TO RELAY CONTENTS REF. B. TESHIMA EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR DESCRIPTION OF US VIEWS ON COORDINATING GROUP MEETING AND SAID GOJ WOULD BE DEVELOPING SOME IDEAS ON AGENDA AND CONTENTS OF MEETING.

2. HE INFORMED ECON/COUNS THAT OFFICIAL RESPONSE TO THE SECRETARY'S LETTER (REF A) WOULD BE TRANSMITTED TO JAPANESE EMBASSY WASHINGTON FEBRUARY 21. SUBSTANCE OF RESPONSE AS FOLLOWS:

(A) GOJ WILL PARTICIPATE AT COORDINATING GROUP MEETING.

IN VIEW OF SHORT TIME, IT NOT PREPARED TO DISCUSS SUB-

STANTIVE ISSUES. (B) SINCE ONE OF MAIN PURPOSES OF COORDINATING GROUP IS PREPARATION FOR CONSUMER-PRODUCER CONFERENCE, THAT SHOULD BE ONE OF MAIN AGENDA ITEMS.

(C) PARTICIPATION BY MAJOR EC COUNTRIES IS ESSENTIAL.

IT IS DESIRABLE THAT FRANCE PARTICIPATE. IN ANY EVENT, MEETING SHOULD NOT BE USED TO WIDEN GAP BETWEEN POSITION OF FRANCE AND OTHER EC COUNTRIES. THUS ATTEMPT SHOULD BE MADE TO EXPLORE IN ADVANCE FIELDS OF WORK IN WHICH EC AS A WHOLE COULD COOPERATE. (D) GOJ WILL ADVISE US OF NAMES OF ITS REPRESENTATIVES LATER.

3. SAITO (HEAD, SECOND NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION, AMERICAN AFFAIRS BUREAU, FONOFF) TOLD ECON/COUNS THAT FONOFF DEPUTY VICE MINISTER TSURUMI EXPECTED TO BE GOJ REP. HE WOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY ONE OR TWO FONOFF OFFICIALS (NOT INCLUDING MIYAZAKI, WHO LEAVES ON EUROPEAN TRIP FEBRUARY 22 AND PROBABLY MITI OFFICIAL (EXPECT AMAYA OR TOYONAGA). RE PARA 6 REF B, SAITO SAID IT VERY UN- LIKELY TOP LEVEL MOF OFFICIAL (E.G. INAMURA) CAN ATTEND. SHOESMITH

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